



Instructions for Scheduling the Medical Exam

Please read all of these instructions very carefully, step by step, and follow them exactly. We suggest that all medical examinations should be performed **at least one week** before the date of your interview. All immigrant visa applicants must be examined at a medical center authorized by the U.S. Embassy. The addresses of U.S. Embassy-approved doctors are listed below. When arriving for your medical exam, you must present: 1) your passport, 2) a letter from the U.S. Embassy stating that you are scheduled for an interview, 3) an additional 2x2 inch color photo on white background, and 4) your vaccination records. If you do not have vaccination records, the physician will work with you to determine which vaccines are medically necessary for you. *Note: Presenting counterfeit or falsified vaccination records may result in the denial of your immigrant visa.*

The approximate total cost of testing is \$250. It is important to note that this is an approximate cost, and depending on your medical history, the cost can reach \$600 per applicant. All applicants must arrive at the physician's office before 10:00 a.m. so that the test results will be ready the same day.

Scope of Examination

Please be advised that all immigrant visa applicants are required to submit to a thorough examination conducted by an approved panel physician. Examinations are conducted in conformity with technical instructions issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and will include:

1. a mental status examination which includes, at a minimum, assessment of intelligence, thought, cognition (comprehension), judgment, affect (and mood), and behavior;
2. a physical examination that includes, at a minimum, examination of the eyes, ears, nose and throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, skin and external genitalia (visual and palpation); and
3. all diagnostic tests required for the diagnosis of the diseases identified as communicable diseases of public health significance and other tests identified as necessary to confirm a suspected diagnosis of any other condition that may affect the applicant's eligibility for an immigrant visa.

Applicants should be sure to bring their vaccination records to the examination, along with any medical records the applicant believes might be relevant to their particular medical history, including current prescription drug names, doses, and frequency.

Medical Centers Authorized by the U.S. Embassy (for Immigrant Visa exams):

THE PRICES ESTABLISHED ARE THE SAME FOR ALL PANEL PHYSICIANS. THE TOTAL COST OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION WILL DEPEND ON YOUR MEDICAL CONDITION

Dra. Claudia Noemi Cruz

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Col. Escalón, local 1, San Salvador

Tel: 2124-2644, 2532-7493, 7683-0171, 6143-1800

Hours: 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Dr. Roberto Zelaya

Paseo General Escalón y 99 Ave. Norte,

Plaza Villavicencio, 3er Nivel, Local 3-5, San Salvador

Tel: 2263-4143 - Hours: 7:00 am a 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Dr. Karla Tobar Quiros

Edificio Avante

Nivel 9, Local 13, Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán

Tel: 21001088, 21001445, 22460722- Hours: Monday to Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Dr. Juan Ernesto Guillen

Paseo General Escalón y 99 Ave. Norte

Plaza Villavicencio, Local 0-3, San Salvador

Tel: 2411-6351 Hours: Monday to Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Authorized Laboratory and X-Ray Clinics:

Tests at these locations require a referral from one of the Embassy-authorized panel physicians.

X-Ray Clinic:

Clínica Rayos X Brito-Mejía Peña

Plaza Villavicencio, Colonia Escalón, San Salvador

Tel. 2506-2110, 2506-2116, 2506-2157

Hours: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon to Friday

Serological Testing Laboratory (syphilis, sputum samples and microscopic acid):

Laboratorio Diagnóstico Escalón

Plaza Villavicencio - Col. Escalón, San Salvador; Tel: 2506-2044

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 7:00 am to 12:00 pm